Digby County

Digby County is situated in the western end of Nova Scotia, on the Bay of Fundy. The county is composed of two municipal districts; the Municipality of the District of Clare in the western portion and the Muncipality of the District of Digby in the eastern portion.

The Municipality of Clare was first settled by the Acadians who were expelled from the province in 1755, but returned in a great pilgrimage in the summer of 1768. Digby Municipality was settled mainly by New England Loyalists. This group was led by Admiral Robert Digby who founded the town of Digby in 1784.

Due to the long coastline of the county and its proximity to good fishing grounds, wooden shipbuilding and fishing became the key activities in the early economy of the area. By 1879 there were 114 vessels sailing regularly from county ports, virtually all of these having been built locally. The turn of the century, however, brought the advent of the steel ship and the decline of the area's wooden boatbuilding industry. There were some notable, but short, revivals of the industry during the first and second World Wars.

The economy of the county today is highly dependent upon the fishery, both inshore and offshore. Processing plants provide significant employment, although part of this activity is seasonal. Several boat yards are located through the county, which are primarily engaged in building smaller boats for the inshore fishery. The Digby to Saint John, New Brunswick, ferry service provides speedy access for shipping fish and other products to markets and also brings numerous tourists through the county.

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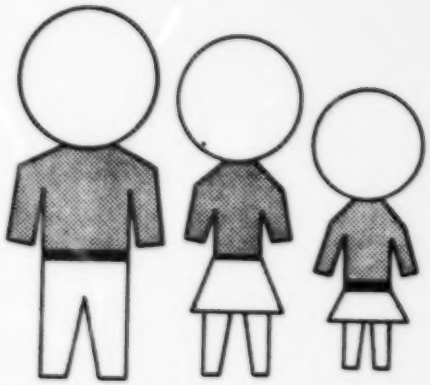
Digby County

Statistical Summary

	YEAR		% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	1981	2,472.5	4.7
Population	1981	21,689	2.6
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	8.8	55.0
Labour Force	1981	7,320	1.9
Employed	1981	6,590	1.9
Average income per tax filer ($)	1981	10,030	85.7
Total retail sales ($'000)	1983	75,700	2.2
Retail sales per capita ($)	1983	3,418	85.6
Number of farms	1981	203	4.0
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1982	9,468	6.3
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1982	78,066	4.0
Sea fish landings (metric tons)	1982	51,865	11.0
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1982	33,941	13.1
Number of manufacturing establishments	1981	47	5.8
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)	1981	71,618	1.9
Number of permits for residential units	1983	97	1.6
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1983	7,129	1.5

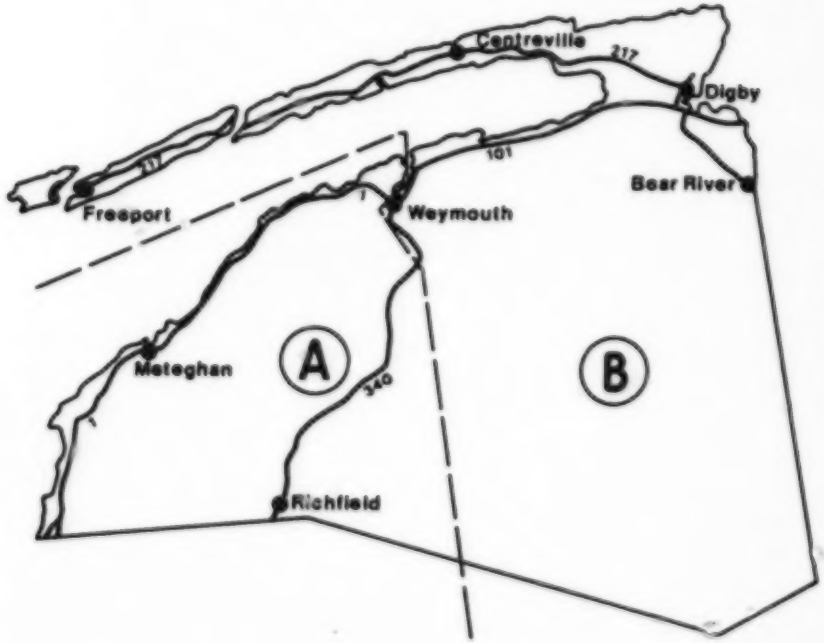
SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada



Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways

Digby County



LEGEND

Census Subdivision A - Clare

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Highway & Number 1

Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

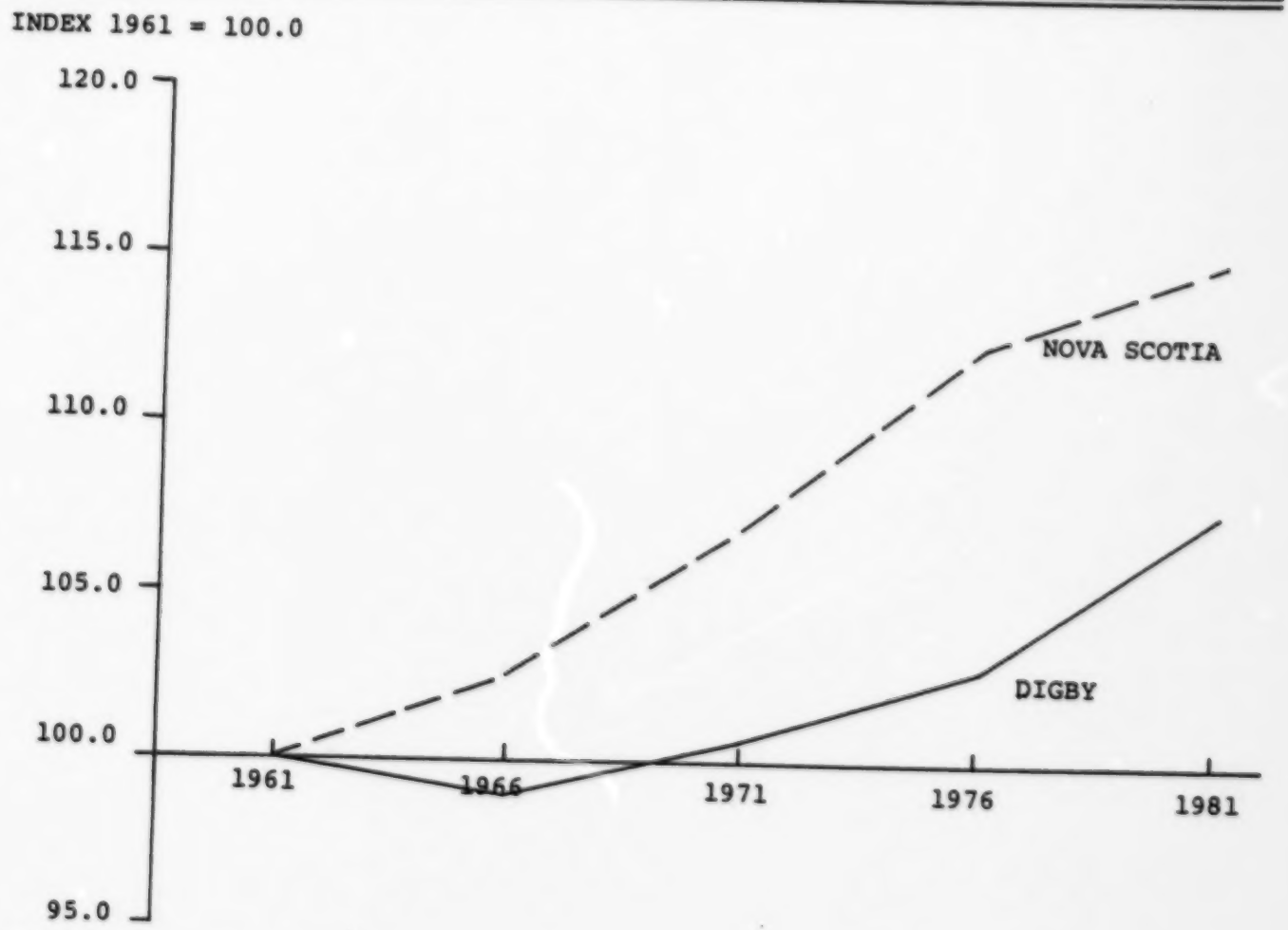


Table 1

Population Growth
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Digby County	20,216	19,827	20,349	20,932	21,689
Digby	2,308	2,305	2,363	2,542	2,558
Clare, municipality	8,539	8,562	8,977	9,149	9,598
Digby, municipality	9,329	8,927	8,964	9,202	9,496
Indian Reserves	40	33	45	39	37

Index of Population Growth
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Digby County	100.0	98.1	100.7	103.5	107.3
Digby	100.0	99.9	102.4	110.1	110.8
Clare, municipality	100.0	100.3	105.1	107.1	112.4
Digby, municipality	100.0	95.7	96.1	98.6	101.5
Indian Reserves	100.0	82.5	112.5	97.5	92.5

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 100 +
Digby County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Bangor	93	166	Meteghan Station	119	254
Bear River-Sissiboo	716	854	Mount Pleasant-Prince William	294	332
Belliveaus Cove	387	404	New Edinburgh	193	235
Brighton	205	221	Plympton	199	233
Centreville	257	257	Plympton Station	251	274
Church Point	377	318	Salmon River	331	323
Comeauville	341	292	Sandy Cove	164	173
Concession	208	378	Saulnierville	307	395
Conway	388	310	Saulnierville Station	157	250
Freeport	474	452	Smiths Cove-Smiths Cove Station	444	469
Grosses Coques	284	357	St. Alphonse	240	253
Lighthouse Road	n/a	173	St. Benoni	124	168
Little Brook	298	290	St. Bernard	338	322
Little River	199	200	St. Martin	88	162
Lower Saulnierville	204	199	Tiverton	315	292
Marshalltown	361	224	Weaver Settlement	285	272
Mavillette	214	297	Westport	341	353
Meteghan	761	890	Weymouth	483	359
Meteghan Centre	364	350	Weymouth Falls	145	263
Meteghan River	266	342	Weymouth North	275	190

n/a Not Available

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	DIGBY COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	18,390	19,131	87.9	88.2	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	17,664	18,370	84.4	84.7	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	726	761	3.5	3.5	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	2,542	2,558	12.1	11.8	468,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	20,932	21,689	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

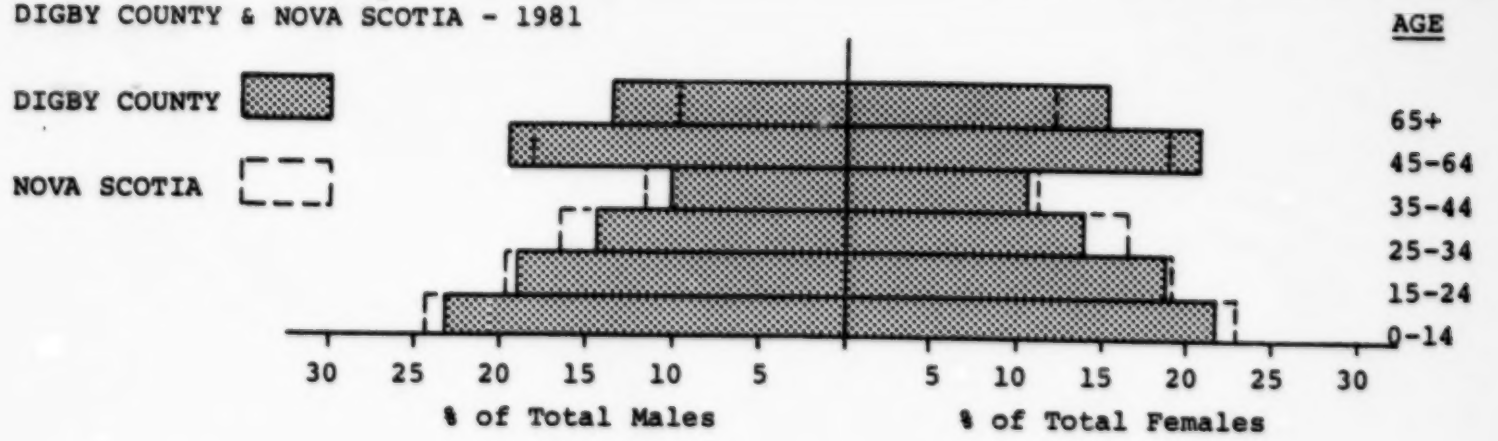
1 Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

2 Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



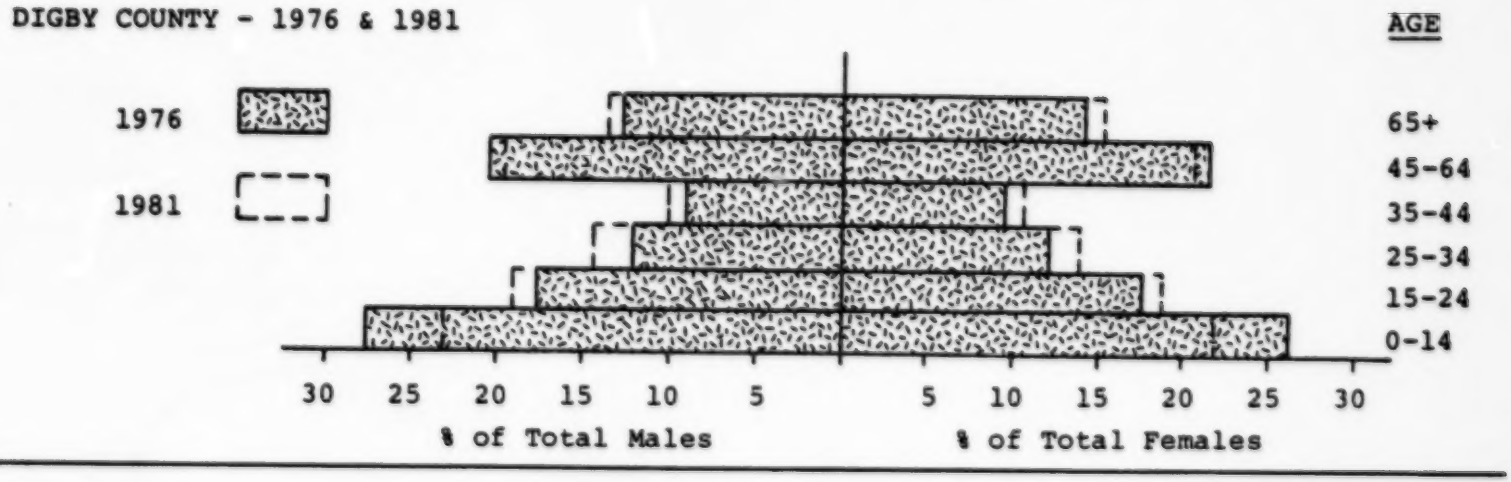


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	DIGBY COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
0-14	27.6	25.9	23.1	21.6	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	17.7	17.4	19.1	18.5	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	12.2	11.9	14.4	13.8	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	9.2	9.4	10.2	10.5	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	20.6	21.3	19.6	20.5	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	12.8	14.0	13.6	15.2	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	10,520	10,415	10,835	10,850	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Digby County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Digby Co.	- T	21,690	9,370	4,845	4,525	10,600	10,220	380	1,380	340
	- M	10,840	5,105	2,500	2,605	5,305	5,120	185	270	165
	- F	10,850	4,270	2,345	1,925	5,295	5,100	195	1,115	175
Digby	- T	2,555	1,055	520	535	1,175	1,100	70	250	80
	- M	1,170	545	265	280	575	545	25	30	25
	- F	1,390	515	260	255	600	555	45	220	50

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 6

Vital Statistics
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1978-1982

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Digby County	268	270	252	268	260	248	224	230	198	209
Digby Town	38	40	42	30	41	25	43	30	25	26
Nova Scotia	12,548	12,406	12,369	12,079	12,325	6,877	6,843	7,004	6,958	6,941

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

Table 7

Family Characteristics
Digby County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Digby County											
Number	5,620	2,270	1,190	1,145	585	265	95	70	18,460	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	40.4	21.2	20.4	10.4	4.7	1.7	1.3			
Digby	660	305	160	110	60	20	5	0	2,015	3.1	3.3
Clare Munic.	2,475	950	505	530	270	125	50	35	8,330	3.4	3.6
Digby Munic.	2,480	1,020	525	505	250	110	35	35	8,085	3.3	3.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income $	% of Nova Scotia Average %	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1] %
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Digby County	17,995	82.3	16.6
Digby Town	20,056	91.7	21.2
Clare Municipality	17,652	80.7	14.1
Digby Municipality	17,832	81.5	17.9

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income Per Income Tax Filer
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1976-1981

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income $'000	Average Income $	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average %
Digby County				
- 1976	8,647	59,152	6,841	74.5
- 1977	9,123	72,136	7,907	80.3
- 1978[1]	10,926	81,245	7,436	80.1
- 1979	11,260	91,873	8,159	80.7
- 1980	11,601	105,860	9,125	82.5
- 1981	11,991	120,272	10,030	80.2

PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP

Income Group	DIGBY COUNTY 1976 %	DIGBY COUNTY 1981 %	NOVA SCOTIA 1976 %	NOVA SCOTIA 1981 %
Under $2,000	17.7		11.0	
$ 2,000 - $ 4,000	15.6	34.7	14.3	29.4
$ 4,000 - $ 5,000	7.7		6.7	
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	40.2	14.5	31.7	10.8
$ 7,500 - $10,000		12.1		10.0
$10,000 - $15,000	11.2	17.6	19.7	9.5
$15,000 - $20,000	5.6	8.9	10.2	20.5
$20,000 - $25,000		5.6		8.3
$25,000 - $30,000	2.0	3.2	6.3	5.0
$30,000 +		3.4		6.5

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation; Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Digby County	6,235	7,030	3.3	3.0
Digby	870	955	2.8	2.6
Clare Municipality	2,555	2,935	3.5	3.2
Digby Municipality	2,802	3,130	3.2	3.0
Indian Reserves	10	15	4.0	2.3

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	DIGBY	MUNICIPALITY OF CLARE	MUNICIPALITY OF DIGBY	DIGBY COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:					
1976 - Owned (%)	56.1	91.5	91.0	86.4	72.4
Rented (%)	43.9	8.5	9.0	13.6	27.6
Total (No.)	865	2,555	2,800	6,235	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	52.1	88.6	88.8	83.7	71.5
Rented (%)	47.9	11.4	11.2	16.3	28.5
Total (No.)	955	2,945	3,130	7,030	273,195
TYPE:					
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	72.8	95.5	92.8	91.2	78.9
Apartments (%)	26.0	2.3	2.0	5.4	15.4
Mobile (%)	1.2	2.2	5.2	3.4	5.7
Total (No.)	865	2,555	2,800	6,235	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	66.5	95.4	93.4	90.4	77.9
Apartments (%)	33.0	2.4	2.4	6.5	16.7
Mobile (%)	0.5	2.2	4.2	3.1	5.4
Total (No.)	955	2,945	3,130	7,030	273,195

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

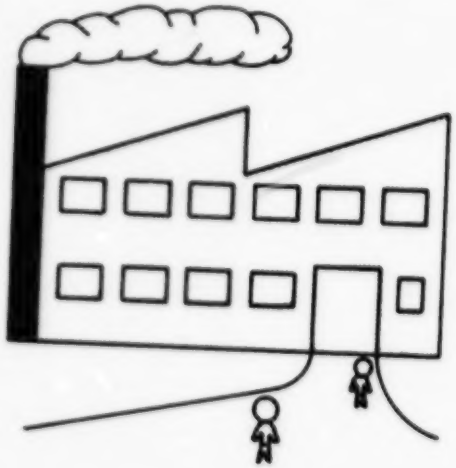


Table 12

Labour Force Activity
Digby County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	7,620	7,720	15,340	8,285	8,405	16,690
Labour Force	4,830	2,485	7,320	5,595	3,385	8,980
Employment	4,430	2,165	6,590	5,050	2,875	7,930
Unemployment	400	325	730	545	505	1,055
Unemployment Rate [1]	8.3	13.1	10.0	9.7	14.9	11.7
Participation Rate [2]	63.4	32.2	47.7	67.5	40.3	53.8

1 Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

2 Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force, 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Digby County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	8,980	2,345	2,900	985	2,120	630
Male	5,595	1,805	1,690	515	1,190	400
Female	3,380	545	1,205	470	930	235
Aged 15-24						
Total	2,310	365	1,015	340	525	70
Male	1,270	270	575	155	240	30
Female	1,045	95	445	185	280	40
Aged 25-44						
Total	3,990	880	1,060	480	1,140	425
Male	2,470	645	650	255	645	270
Female	1,520	240	410	225	490	160
Aged 45-54						
Total	1,360	510	455	65	255	75
Male	900	390	240	35	185	50
Female	460	120	210	35	70	25
Aged 55-64						
Total	1,045	495	270	80	165	35
Male	775	435	165	50	100	30
Female	270	60	105	30	70	0
Aged 65+						
Total	275	95	100	15	35	30
Male	180	65	65	10	15	25
Female	90	35	35	5	15	5

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force,[1] 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Digby County, 1981

	DIGBY COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Digby County	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	380	120	505	5.7	2.3
Forestry	125	-	125	1.4	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	710	35	745	8.4	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	5	-	10	0.1	1.8
Manufacturing	1,320	670	1,995	22.4	15.0
Construction	620	35	655	7.4	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	435	75	505	5.7	8.0
Trade	790	520	1,310	14.7	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	30	150	180	2.0	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	770	1,560	2,320	26.1	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	390	150	540	6.1	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	5,565	3,330	8,890	100.0	100.0

[1] By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, and who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Digby County, 1981

	DIGBY COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Digby County	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	370	130	500	5.6	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	50	-	50	0.6	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	35	65	100	1.1	1.5
Occupations in Religion	40	5	45	0.5	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	170	320	485	5.5	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	70	315	385	4.3	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	60	10	70	0.8	1.2
Clerical & Related	155	750	910	10.2	16.5
Sales Occupations	355	240	590	6.6	9.2
Service Occupations	310	665	980	11.0	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	295	80	375	4.2	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	885	10	890	10.0	2.4
Forestry & Logging	155	-	160	1.8	1.2
Mining & Quarrying	5	-	5	0.1	1.0
Processing Occupations	640	640	1,285	14.5	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	75	-	75	0.9	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	415	30	445	5.0	6.1
Construction Trades	840	15	855	9.6	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	335	-	330	3.7	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	150	-	150	1.7	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	50	5	55	0.6	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	110	45	155	1.7	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	5,565	3,325	8,890	100.0	100.0

[1] Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980 or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data
Digby County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	338	761
% of Total Population Living on Farms	1.6	3.5
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	---	6
25-34 years	14	33
35-44 years	25	46
45-54 years	27	59
55-59 years	14	20
60-64 years	6	15
65 years and over	9	24
Total Number of Farms	95	203
- With sales of $2,500 +	65	116
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	12	29
10- 69 acres	19	56
70- 129 acres	17	39
130- 179 acres	9	18
180- 239 acres	10	13
240- 399 acres	15	27
400- 559 acres	4	14
560- 759 acres	5	4
760- 1,119 acres	3	1
1,120- 1,599 acres	1	1
1,600+ acres	---	1

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Table 16 (con't.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	19,725	31,999
Improved Land - acres	3,777	8,165
Under Crops - acres	1,712	2,677
Improved Pasture - acres	1,208	2,506
Summer Fallow - acres	25	203
Other Improved - acres	832	2,779
Unimproved Land - acres	15,948	23,835
Woodland - acres	14,170	19,043
Other Unimproved - acres	1,778	4,792
Average Size of Farms - acres	208	158
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	19.1	25.5

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Digby County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	95	203
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	14
$100,000 - $249,999	(10	14
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	9	7
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	5	17
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	13	17
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	12	21
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	16	26
Under $2,500	30	87
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	65	116
Dairy	3	2
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	23	52
Poultry	1	3
Wheat	1	---
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	---	1
Field crops, other than smallgrains	5	1
Fruits and vegetables	1	3
Miscellaneous specialty	25	50
Mixed	6	4
Livestock combination	3	1
Field crops combination	---	---
Other combinations	3	3

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18

Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Digby County, 1978-1982

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Value - $'000	22,998	27,460	29,650	34,760	33,941
% of Nova Scotia total	11.8	12.8	12.8	13.2	13.1
Weight - metric tonnes	49,398	46,515	45,826	48,641	51,865
% of Nova Scotia total	10.6	11.2	10.2	10.1	11.0

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by Percent of Income Derived from Fishery
Digby County, 1978-1982

	Total	% of Income Derived from Fishery		
		0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1978	741	108	87	546
1979	806	162	72	572
1980	901	184	107	610
1981	938	146	90	702
1982	857	103	87	667
% of Nova Scotia				
1978	7.5	3.5	4.9	11.1
1979	7.5	4.0	4.3	11.1
1980	7.9	4.4	6.2	11.1
1981	8.2	4.4	5.6	10.8
1982	7.8	3.2	6.2	10.5

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20

Area of Land Classes
Digby County, 1979-1980

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	115,980	43.5
2. Mixed Wood	65,070	24.4
3. Hardwood	34,360	12.9
Total Forested Land	215,410	80.8
Non-Forested Land	32,970	12.4
Water and Flowage	17,160	6.4
Total Area of County	266,690	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, Western Subdivision - 1979-80.

Table 21

Forest Production Statistics
Digby County, 1981-1982

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Softwood	12,357	12,933	12,869	11,184	9,365	73,556	80,910	93,944	88,138	78,066
Hardwood	177	134	259	121	103	-	-	884	722	-
Total	12,534	13,067	13,128	11,305	9,468	73,556	80,910	94,828	88,860	78,066
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	6.8	6.6	7.2	6.9	6.6	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.5	4.3
Hardwood	3.5	1.4	3.5	1.2	1.2	-	-	0.2	0.3	-
Total	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	6.3	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.2	4.0

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics (in Common Measure)
Digby County, 1981-1982

	1981	1982	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1981	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1982
Lumber (M. fbm.)	11,305	9,468	6.6	6.3
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	2,900	1,600	82.4	54.2
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	213	237	13.0	14.4
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Laths (M's)	3,792	1,704	66.6	31.6
Shingles (Squares)	-	50	-	5.2
Staves & Headings (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	34,071	31,661	6.9	9.3
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	145,822	128,109	3.2	4.0
Pit Props - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	-	-	-	-
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23

Principal statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Digby County, 1978-1981

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
	Year	Number of Establishments	Production and Related Workers Male	Production and Related Workers Female	Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
Clare Municipality	1978	27	318	163	1,041	3,975	328	27,102	36,279	9,070
	1979	25	311	132	960	4,217	266	25,065	33,784	8,400
	1980	26	311	117	944	4,653	458	33,055	44,312	11,056
	1981	25	335	142	995	5,237	749	38,376	47,896	8,942
Digby Municipality	1978	19	259	103	733	2,887	247	9,367	15,658	6,078
	1979	18	180	92	593	2,858	344	14,255	22,412	8,106
	1980	20	177	93	589	3,082	418	15,079	22,533	6,855
	1981	22	165	59	448	2,801	377	16,223	23,722	7,209
Digby Town	1978	7	31	12	89	349	28	1,906	2,781	847
	1979	6	23	19	101	446	57	3,168	4,012	777
	1980	5	21	13	77	408	62	3,501	4,457	900
	1981	Included with the "Municipality"								
Digby County	1978	53	608	278	1,864	7,211	604	38,375	54,718	15,995
	1979	49	514	243	1,653	7,522	667	42,488	60,208	17,284
	1980	51	509	223	1,609	8,143	938	51,635	71,301	18,811
	1981	47	500	201	1,442	8,038	1,126	54,599	71,618	16,151
% Digby County of Nova Scotia	1978	7.4	2.8	4.9	3.2	2.2	0.4	2.3	2.0	1.8
	1979	6.3	2.2	4.1	2.6	1.9	0.4	2.0	1.9	1.7
	1980	6.3	2.2	3.6	2.6	1.9	0.6	2.4	2.1	1.6
	1981	5.8	2.2	3.3	2.4	1.7	0.6	2.3	1.9	1.2

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

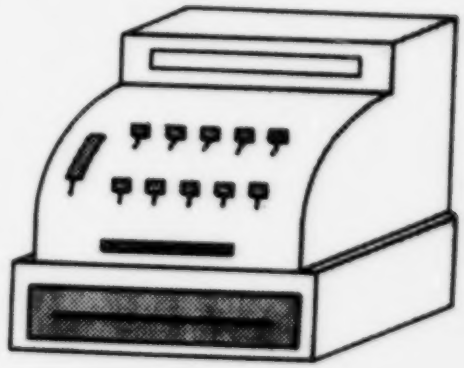

Table 24

Retail Sales
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1983

	YEAR	DIGBY COUNTY ($'000)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA DIGBY COUNTY[1] ($)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA NOVA SCOTIA ($)
Food	1981	17,700	816	876
	1982	21,500	991	1,023
	1983	-	-	1,133
Automotive	1981	16,200	747	905
	1982	16,300	752	867
	1983	-	-	963
Clothing	1981	1,300	60	171
	1982	1,400	64	184
	1983	-	-	200
Hardware	1981	1,100	51	34
	1982	1,100	51	35
	1983	-	-	39
Home Furnishings Appliances, TV, Radios	1981	2,100	97	67
	1982	2,400	111	73
	1983	-	-	77
Total Retail Sales[2]	1981	59,600	2,748	3,315
	1982	66,400	3,061	3,540
	1983	75,700	3,418	3,994

[1]Sales per capita are derived by using the 1981 Census populations.

[2]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25
Building Permits
Digby County and Nova Scotia, 1980-1983

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other (units)	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial ($'000)	Institutional & Government	Total
1980								
Digby Town	1	-	1	256	82	152	141	631
Digby Municipality[1]	76	-	76	2,551	1,790	232	991	5,564
Total Digby County[1]	77	-	77	2,807	1,872	384	1,132	6,195
Nova Scotia	3,734	924	4,658	177,181	37,858	75,016	38,121	328,176
1981								
Digby Town	9	-	9	606	41	28	826	1,501
Digby Municipality[1]	77	-	77	3,051	102	187	110	3,450
Total Digby County[1]	86	-	86	3,657	143	215	936	4,951
Nova Scotia	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Digby Town	2	4	6	668	-	157	-	825
Digby Municipality[1]	60	-	60	3,311	859	359	-	4,529
Total Digby County[1]	62	4	66	3,979	859	516	-	5,354
Nova Scotia	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867
1983								
Digby Town	10	-	10	1,040	64	760	58	1,922
Digby Municipality[1]	83	4	87	4,088	217	492	410	5,207
Total Digby County[1]	93	4	97	5,128	281	1,252	468	7,129
Nova Scotia	4,971	1,052	6,023	320,624	17,347	74,764	56,516	469,251

[1]Total of only those municipalities for which data are available.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203, 64-001

Digby County
Facts and Figures

MUNICIPALITIES AND 1983 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of Digby	$ 1.54	$ 2.87
Municipality of Clare	1.00	1.60
Municipality of Digby	1.10	1.60

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
Digby	2.9	882.1
Municipality of Clare	845.8	11.3
Municipality of Digby	1,622.8	5.9
County of Digby	2,472.5	8.8

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981

Roman Catholic	55.7%
Anglican	5.2%
United Church	4.8%
Other Protestant	29.1%
Other	5.2%

Ethnic Groups - 1981

British Isles	47.8%
French	40.5%
German	1.6%
Netherlands	0.6%
Other	9.5%

Mother Tongue - 1981

English	65.7%
French	33.7%
Other	0.6%

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

There are 15 schools in Digby County. In 1983-84, 278 teachers provided instruction to 2,121 elmentary, 1,118 junior high, 879 high school and 215 other students in special programs. Université Sainte-Anne, located at Church Point, is the only French-language university in the Province. Enrolment in 1983-84 was 158 fulltime and 335 part-time students. The nearest vocational schools are in Middleton and Yarmouth.

HOSPITALS

Digby General Hospital, Digby	89 beds, 22 bassinets

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS

	Approximate Employment
Comeau's Sea Foods Limited, Saulnierville	170
Comeau & Saulnier Ltd., Comeauville	150
Clare Fisheries Limited, Comeauville	100
St. Mary's Bay Fisheries Limited, Meteghan	100
National Sea Products Ltd., Digby Div., Digby	75
Lewis Lumber Company Limited, Weymouth	65
E.M. Comeau & Sons (1977) Limited, Meteghan	62
A.F. Theriault & Son Limited, Meteghan River	60
Frankland Canning Company Ltd., Church Point	55

TRANSPORTATION

Highways	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	111.7
- Collector	136.6
- Local	248.4
Unpaved Highways	621.2
Total	1,117.9

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1982	Number
Passenger Automobiles	6,176
Trucks and buses	2,979
Total	9,155

Rail

Daily passenger service is provided by VIA Rail and freight service is provided by DAR (CP) between Halifax and Yarmouth through the Annapolis Valley.

Air

Air Canada service is available at the commercial airport in Yarmouth. There is local flying and charter service at the 915 meter paved airstrip near Digby. The armed forces airport in Greenwood, Kings County is used in emergencies.

Bus

Acadian Lines Limited operates regularly scheduled service between Halifax and Yarmouth with connections to other points both within the Province and beyond.

TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

Marine

The principal shipping harbours are located at Digby and Weymouth. There are eight port facilities in Digby Harbour serving fishing, general cargo, ferry and liquid bulk activities. Weymouth has one large public wharf and several smaller fishing wharves. Most small communities along the coastline have small wharves with hoist facilities to unload the fishing boats. CN Marine operates a year round ferry service from Digby to Saint John, New Brunswick.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers and Magazines

Digby - The Digby Courier	Circ. 4,209 - weekly
Digby-Middleton - The Mirror	Circ. 4,200 - weekly

Radio Stations

Digby - CKDY	1,000 watts
Digby - CBAF - 31 FM	980 watts

3 Sub-stations at Digby, Meteghan, Weymouth each operates on 40 watts of output and a sub-station at Church Point operates on 51 watts of output.

TV Stations

Digby CBHT - 8	Channel 52	3,140 watts
Digby CBHFT - 6	Channel 58	3,140 watts
Weymouth CBHT - 10	Channel 24	800 watts
Weymouth CBHFT - 8	Channel 34	100 Watts

Dartmouth Cable T.V. Limited serving Digby, Mount Pleasant, Lighthouse Road, Smiths Cove Station, Smith's Cove, Bear River Station.

SHOPPING CENTRES

Evangeline Shoppers Mall, Digby — 5,481 m^2

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
Cape St. Mary	-	10	-	5	15
Digby	90	117	15	60	282
Meteghan	-	19	3	-	22
Smith's Cove	9	129	3	18	159
Weymouth	16	-	3	-	19
Total	115	275	24	83	497

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

La bibliotheque Louis R. Comeau, Church Point
Western Counties Regional Library, with headquarters in the Town of Yarmouth, has branches in Digby, Meteghan, Westport and Weymouth.

Museums and Art Galleries

La Vieille Maison, Meteghan
Le Musée Ste-Marie, Church Point
Admiral Digby Museum, Digby
Maud Lewis Painted House Museum, Marshalltown